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Mr. Richard L. Paula

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Dear Mr. Paula:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to thank you very much for your letter of 11 July.

We have read your comments with interest and appreciate your patriotic interest in writing to us as you did.

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Sincerely,

Signed

[Redacted Signature]

Assistant to the Director

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Allen Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am a twenty year old college student about to enter my senior year at Georgetown University. As most of my generation is, I am deeply aware of the critical state of affairs that our country finds itself encountering this year, a state which I realize must change soon lest we and the whole of civilization be dragged into a terrible debacle that can destroy this cherished Western Civilization of our Christian era.

I know that it is not my place nor within my capacity to propose any measures, but I do feel it my duty to remind you and to urge you to do as much as possible in warding off and destroying this awful spectre of International Communism. Every day, I read in the papers of new inroads of Communism; the riots in Japan, the Cuban situation, the agitations in Italy, and the threats of Khrushchev and Mao Tze-Tung to "bury us" and see "our socialist children." These, as you well realize, are not isolated incidents; they are part of a master scheme intended to ridicule, taunt, and ultimately destroy the United States and its allies throughout the free world.

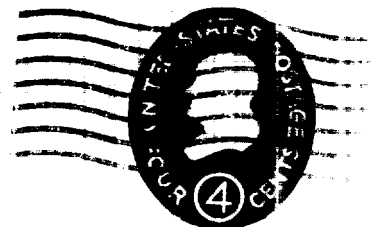
Maybe, it's a hard thing to say, but I think the United States has gone soft on its ideals. The people in a great many instances are apathetic to the world situation caring only for a softer life and a way to quick riches. The ideals and the ideas of men like Thomas Paine, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Woodrow Wilson are mere words in a history book, just learned for an examination but never kept within our hearts for application in a world that seriously needs a moral and ethical uplifting. We have to learn, and learn quickly that a new course is necessary. We are too soft on ourselves and on our enemy. We must never accept the fact that Communism is here to stay and that our best chance for peace is co-existence. How the Kremlin bosses must laugh at us when we are willing to accept co-existence. They know full well that co-existence is a victory for their side, and we must never give them an inch. We must not only stand our ground; we must surge forward to make this world a "safer place for Democracy."

Respectfully yours,

*Richard L. Paula*

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